

Certified Membership Scheme

Facilitators

Below is the current list of Facilitators trained by the College.

Next steps

1. Candidates are invited to review the list and contact their preferred Facilitator.
2. The Facilitator and candidate have an initial discussion and decide whether to formalise the relationship.
3. Both parties notify the College that they wish to work together and the next steps will be outlined - please email Chris Bentley: contact@cgdent.uk
4. Candidates who do not get their first preference approach other Facilitators until they get a pairing.

	Facilitator
Full Name	Edward Bateman
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Membership level	Fellow
UK Region	West & North Scotland
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/ Hosp	I am a GDP based in the Highlands of Scotland. I own a mixed general practice which I started as a squat. My main clinical interests are orthodontics, endodontics, and in digital technology related to dentistry. I have completed postgraduate diplomas in Primary Dental Care Orthodontics and Endodontics from the Universities of Glasgow and Chester respectively. I also carry out adviser reports and expert witness reports for the GDC.
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	I can offer my knowledge and experience as a clinician , together with an enthusiasm for mentoring. I have been a Vocational Trainer for ten years within my practice, and also work for NHS Education for Scotland as a Vocational Training Adviser, mentoring and running an educational programme for 10 VDPs across the North of Scotland.
Other relevant information	I also run national courses on digital dentistry.
	Facilitator
Full Name	Phillip Brown
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Membership level	Fellow
UK Region	Mersey & North West
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/ Hosp	I currently have a full-time Clinical Lecturing post at the University of Liverpool, which began in 2018. I spend a majority of my time teaching Undergraduate Dental Students in the School of Dentistry's open plan clinics or in

	<p>Outreach Dental Practices in the Cheshire and Merseyside region. Since 2018 I have been the Academic Lead for the Schools Outreach Component, which allocates Undergraduate Dental Students into NHS General and Community dental practices in the Cheshire and Merseyside Region. I still enjoy working a session a week in General Practice treating patients in a mixed NHS and Independent primary care setting. Since 2013 I have also been involved in primary care dental politics holding the post of Honorary Secretary of Wirral Local Dental Committee - representing the views of General Dental Practitioners at a local and national level.</p>
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	<p>As a facilitator for the College, I will be able to offer colleagues my knowledge and experience of working both in general practice and dental education. I strongly believe in lifelong learning and self-development and throughout my training I have been influenced and mentored by general dentists, academics and specialists who have helped me develop my career as a well-rounded clinician.</p> <p>My academic training is focused on coaching, goal setting, feedback, and reflection, which is why being a facilitator for the College is something I feel very comfortable doing. I want to help and encourage the profession and especially general practitioners, who have now been given a certified pathway for meaningful skill enhancement and acknowledgment of their achievements</p>
Other relevant information	<p>I have worked in the Northwest of England since my graduation from the University of Liverpool in 2007. During that time, I have progressed through my career as an associate dentist, practice owner, and now clinical lecturer. I believe general dentistry deserves a formal recognition of its complex and diverse skill mix, which is why I believe that the College is moving our profession in the right direction by encouraging its members in primary care to develop their career pathways and grow their portfolio with structured support and guidance.</p>
	Facilitator
Full Name	Paul Friel
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Membership level	Full Member
UK Region	West & North Scotland
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	<p>I am a life-long GDP, having qualified some 32 years ago, and am currently working as an associate in a mixed practice in Paisley, near Glasgow, in Scotland. I have a keen interest in all areas of primary dental care and am currently aiming to become a Vocational Trainer.</p>
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	<p>I have been closely involved with the West of Scotland FGDP (and more recently CGDent) for the last five years and throughout that period have been lead tutor for the West of Scotland study group, helping a large number of candidates to success in the MJDF (and latterly the MFDS) exam.</p>

Other relevant information	I am excited to be involved with the College's Certified Membership scheme, and as a facilitator, I believe I can offer enthusiasm, commitment and guidance to assist candidates to successfully achieve Certified Membership, and perhaps even make it enjoyable.
	Facilitator
Full Name	Dalip Kumar
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Membership level	Full Member
UK Region	Wales
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	I have been practising as a general dentist for last 25 years and currently I am Principal dentist at my practice in Swansea, Wales, that includes predominantly NHS general dentistry and some private work. The main area of my work involves extractions, restorations (rotary endodontics, veneer, crown & bridge work, periodontal treatment) and seeing urgent care patients and having completed my masters in Implantology, I have recently started doing dental implants. In addition, I am also an Invisalign provider and have taken courses for Botox and dermal fillers.
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	As a Facilitator, I will help and support the candidate, first and foremost by understanding his/her objectives, and planning how to achieve this, through meetings and discussions. I will strive to provide opportunities and resources that will enable the candidate to make progress and succeed. I will be a facilitator who is flexible, active listener and being prepared to work together towards the goal. I am an accredited educational supervisor for dental therapists and have mentored dental students in the past.
Other relevant information	I have experience of working in dentistry in India, Middle east, and UK. This has consolidated my people skills and ability to work effectively with people from diverse backgrounds. Being practice owner, I have been fortunate enough to lead my team successfully. Furthermore, I have PG certificate in clinical dentistry from Cardiff University, and MSc (implant dentistry) with distinction from Salford University, Manchester. Additionally, I am the member of The Royal college of physician and surgeons of Glasgow, The College of General dentistry, RCSEng and an ITI member.
	Facilitator
Full Name	Yann Maidment
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Membership level	Fellow
UK Region	East Scotland Region
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	General dentistry in city centre practice, with visiting surgical and implant dentists. special interest in and deployment of acupuncture in dentistry.
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	As a Facilitator I offer a supportive role and empathetic ear to colleagues wishing to develop and progress their careers

	using reflective tools to inform the creation of their personal development plans.
Other relevant information	Qual 1984 39 years in GDP(2 years as associate, then 34 years as practice principal, followed by 3 more years as associate), 4 months as House Officer. Various part time research and teaching posts.
	Facilitator
	Martin McKinstry
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	Associate Fellow
	West & North Scotland
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	<p>I graduated with a BDS from the University of Glasgow in 2006 and completed VT and House Officer years before moving to general dental practice. I gained MJDF and MRCPs whilst an associate dentist, later training in limited treatment orthodontics, facial aesthetics and sedation.</p> <p>I bought my own practice in 2019 and have been a Vocational Trainer since 2020. During this time I have gained my DiplimpDent from RCSEd and Associate Fellowship of CGDent. I am in the process of completing my MSc in Advanced Restorative Dentistry and my PGCert in Medical Education with a view to achieving full Fellowship of CGDent this year.</p> <p>I am proud to be a General Dental Practitioner and try to work to the full scope of practice including scanning, milling and printing. My experience as a VT trainer means that I deal with early-career stage dentists on a daily basis and I continue to mentor previous VT's within their associate positions.</p>
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	<p>My postgraduate training means that I am competent and confident in dealing with almost all aspects of clinical practice and am well versed in different training pathways. As a practice owner, I now operate in a leadership and management role dealing with the non-clinical aspects of dentistry and feel that I am in a comfortable position to advise associate dentists who aspire to be principals.</p>
Other relevant information	<p>My involvement as a member of my Local Dental Committee allows me insight into the political side of healthcare, specifically within the NHS.</p> <p>I am happy to make myself available to anyone seeking advice or guidance, and look forward in particular to promoting CGDent's professional framework, offering a career pathway for those in primary dental care who aspire to be better.</p>
	Facilitator
Full Name	Donald McNicol
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Membership level	Fellow
UK Region	West & North Scotland
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	I am a full-time general dental practitioner and senior partner in a predominantly NHS practice working over two

	<p>sites with a business partner and 5 associates in Stenhousemuir and Falkirk. I provide a comprehensive spectrum of dental care which also includes restorative dentistry, oral surgery and orthodontics. My role within the business is that of a Clinical Director supporting our team and dental lab.</p> <p>Currently an examiner for MFDS at RCPS(Glas), expert witness and member of BDA GDPC. I am a past Chair of the Scottish Dental Practice Board and have held a number of LDC and ADC roles.</p>
Why should someone choose you as a facilitator	Committed to post-graduate dental education and one of the few to complete the “first” career pathway MFGDP, MGDS, FFGDP by examination I have a direct understanding of the commitment involved in developing yourself within your professional role.
Other relevant information	The above affords me a wealth of experience that I would like to use to support my colleagues to develop themselves and therefore attain enjoyable, assured careers delivering high quality patient care within the unrecognised (as yet) speciality that is general dental practice.
	Facilitator
Full Name	Manish Patel
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Membership level	Full Member
UK Region	West Midlands
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	General Dentistry, including Endodontics, Restorative Dentistry, Cosmetic Dentistry, Restoration of Implants, Short Term Orthodontics, Clear Aligner Therapy & Facial Aesthetics.
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	As a multi-practice principal of over 10 years, and a range of post graduate experience, including Dental Ethics and Law, I am able to offer a broad perspective of various post-graduate education pathways.
Other relevant information	I have experience in dealing with day to day challenges of General Dentistry, Treatment Planning with a multi-disciplinary team, and continuing training and development for our current team.
	Facilitator
Full Name	Manish Prasad
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Membership level	Fellow
UK Region	West Midlands
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	<p>I am a practising general dental practitioner based in the West Midlands with nearly 25 years of extensive experience in primary care with a particular focus on restorative dentistry.</p> <p>Additionally I have been working as a Clinical director within a large body corporate for the past 9 years. I am responsible for leading a team of multi skilled professionals tasked with ensuring delivery of high levels of clinical standards and</p>

	<p>quality patient care along with other aspects of corporate governance.</p> <p>I have a wide range of experience in strategic planning, organisational transformation, and management of clinical risk, healthcare regulation, clinical governance, and quality assurance in within primary dental care dentistry.</p> <p>In my role as a Clinical Advisor, I support in the General Dental Council (GDC)'s statutory and regulatory duty to investigate fitness to practise matters for dental professionals.</p>
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	<p>Being a dental professional can feel quite lonely at times and it's important to know there is someone skilled and experienced you can talk to and take advice from.</p> <p>I am an experienced and friendly dentist who enjoys helping other clinicians achieve their potential.</p> <p>I am passionate on the benefits of mentoring and find it both challenging and rewarding. My aim is to help professional colleagues to be the best they can. I am friendly and approachable individual and I hope as a facilitator I can support you in developing both personally and professionally.</p>
Other relevant information	<p>I am part of a national network of Dental mentors that aims to provide dental professionals with a mentor and access to support involving career choices, leadership development or professional issues.</p> <p>I have completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Dental Education. I have also been on the accredited mentor's list with Health Education England. I hold a Masters in Advanced General Dental Practice from the University of Birmingham and I am a Fellow of the College of General Dentistry.</p>
	Facilitator
Full Name	Ralph Pickup
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Membership level	Fellow
UK Region	Mersey & North West Region
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/ Hosp	I am a practice owner in Clitheroe, Lancashire. My clinical interests are general dentistry, endodontics and dental implants.
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	<p>I am chair of East Lancashire Local Dental Committee. Through this role, I participate in the Local Dental Network, peer review, and the Dental Practitioner Advice and Support Scheme. I have previously been a foundation training educational supervisor. I have also facilitated candidates successfully through the FFGDP(UK) Diploma.</p>
Other relevant information	<p>The new College of General Dentistry will build on the work of the FGDP(UK) in supporting dentists in their professional development, and the development of a career pathway is central to this. As a certified membership facilitator, I am keen to assist colleagues in reaching their full potential at this important stage of their career.</p>

	Facilitator
Full Name	Richard Pins
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Membership level	Associate Fellow
UK Region	NE & NW Thames Region
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	I have worked in general practice for over 30 years, 25 of which has been as a practice owner. My four surgery private practice has a team of 12 staff offering general dentistry including placement and restoration of dental implants.
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	Many years of ongoing commitment to postgraduate education both at the College of General Dentistry and at the Eastman Dental Institute have given me an understanding of the commitment that is required to progress a professional career and the satisfaction which comes with structured progress. I have never lost my enthusiasm for my dentistry.
Other relevant information	I am immediate past Chairman of the Alpha Omega Dental Society-London Group. During my year we set up a young dentists group aimed at giving people starting out on their careers access to mentoring opportunities with experienced and respected leaders of our profession.
	Facilitator
Full Name	Simon-Quentin Jones
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Membership level	Associate Fellow
UK Region	Wales
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	As you will see from my brief CV on the CGDent website I have enjoyed a varied and diverse career supporting dental care within general, referral, hospital, community and academic worlds. My most recent practice has been focused on supporting the clinically focused business decisions of a major enterprise and my elected roles within CGDent and other organisations.
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	I have mentored as a training practice principal for over 15 years to Ft's , my postgrad students for over 10 years and young colleagues whilst in my various roles over the years. Although I am no longer at the delivery end of dental care I hope I can use experience to support your journey in this most rewarding career of general practice. As a facilitator I hope to be a good listener and provide valuable insights to guide the candidate on their journey.
Other relevant information	
	Facilitator
Full Name	Patricia Thomson
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Membership level	Fellow
UK Region	West & North Scotland
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	I graduated in 1983 and was an early participant in the VT scheme. I embarked on practice ownership in 1985, initially in partnership with another colleague, but entering partnership

	<p>with my husband in 1991 until we sold in 2017. I now work as a Dental Associate two days per week, and since 2021 have been working part time as a Clinical Teaching Fellow at Glasgow University in the Dental School teaching undergraduates in the Restorative Department and the Accident and Emergency Clinic.</p> <p>I have nurtured the careers of countless DCPs, hygienists/dental therapists, associates and VTs over this period, and employed multiple non-clinical staff. In my role as VDP Trainer I was closely involved in the instruction of all VDPs in our practice over a period exceeding twenty years.</p> <p>In 1992 I undertook a three year part time clinical attachment within the Orthodontic Department of Glasgow Dental School, where I was trained in fixed appliance therapy, and in 2010 a part time MSc in Primary Dental Care with an interest in Orthodontics, both while working in practice. Immediately after this I studied for entry to the RCS England through the MJDF exam. This led to my involvement with the Faculty of General Dental Practice where I subsequently tutored candidates preparing for MJDF examination, and after the withdrawal of this exam, for the MFDS examinations.</p> <p>I have gained useful insight into the world of the Regulator through my involvement as a GDC clinical advisor/expert.</p> <p>Although I have sold my practice, I still have a very strong commitment to General Dentistry. I practise all disciplines of dentistry apart from implantology.</p>
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	<p>I can offer the benefit of the experience that I have amassed in General Dental Practice over the 40 years that I have been practising. Additionally, I have an insight into both undergraduate and post graduate training, and have a close relationship with many dentists at all stages of their career pathway.</p> <p>Added to this, I have experienced the difficulties of balancing practice ownership, the demands of raising a family and running a home, as well as devoting time to my career development.</p>
Other relevant information	
	Facilitator
Full Name	Robert Thomson
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Membership level	Fellow
UK Region	West & North Scotland
Main area of practice – GDP/CDS/Hosp	<p>I am a general dental practitioner, retired from practice in January 2018 after over 36 years unbroken service. Currently, I am a Clinical Teaching Fellow, employed by the University of Glasgow, holding an Honorary Contract with</p>

	Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board working at Glasgow Dental Hospital and School. In addition, I have been working as a Mentor with NHS Education Scotland since 2015, supporting “Dentists in Difficulty” through the NEST programme
Why should someone choose you as a Facilitator	I have particular skills in teaching and training of under- and postgraduate dentists. As a Vocational Trainer of over 20 years, I had the privilege of working with many early career colleagues, supporting them at this crucial stage of their career development.
Other relevant information	At present I am Chair of the West of Scotland Branch Council of the British Dental Association and a Director of CGDScot CIC (formerly the West of Scotland Division of the Faculty of General Dental Practitioners). I am a Dental Adviser with the Scottish Public Service Ombudsman, Chair of the Glasgow Dental Educational Trust and an External Assessor, representing the College of General Dentistry, on the National Review Panel for Vocational Training in Scotland.

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